To Halifax, on 4th April, 1776, she sent William Williams, Whitmel Hill, Kenneth McKenzie, Thomas Wiggins, and Edward Smithwick.

To the Congress at Halifax, 12th Nov., 1776, she sent William Williams, Whitmel Hill, Thomas Hunter, John Hardison, and Samuel Smithwick.

The officers for this county were William Williams, Colonel; Whitmel Hill, Lieutenant-Colonel; Thomas Wiggins, Major; Kenneth McKenzie, Second Major.

Hon. Whitmel Hill resided in this county. He was distinguished for his devotion to the cause of liberty, a man of strong natural sense and of cultivated mind. He was born in Bertie on the 12th February, 1743, son of John and Martha Hill, and was educated at the University of Pennsylvania, at which he graduated.

He early entered with great earnestness into the dubious and dangerous conflict between England and America, and threw into the scale of liberty his "life, his fortune, and his sacred honor."

In 1775 he was a delegate from Martin to the Assembly of Freemen at Hillsboro', and was in the State Congress in Halifax in April, 1776, which placed the State in military organization, and, in Nov., 1776, which formed our present State Constitution.

In 1778 he was delegated to the Continental Congress at Philadelphia, and served until 1781.

He resided at Hill's Ferry, in Martin County, near the Halifax line, where he died, 26th September, 1797. He was a man of fine literary attainments, a devoted patriot, and useful citizen.

He married Winnefred Blount, of Chowan, by whom he had three sons, Joseph, John, and Thomas Blount, and one daughter, Elizabeth. Joseph and John died young without issue. Thomas B. Hill left a large family of children and grandchildren, among whom is Whitmel B. Hill, Esq., of Halifax, Mrs. Spruill, and others. His daughter Elizabeth married John Anthony, of Philadelphia, from whom a large family has sprung.

Hon. Asa Biggs is a native and resident of this county. He was born 4th Feb., 1811. He is by profession a lawyer, and was licensed in 1831. He entered public life, in 1840, as a member of the House of Commons, and was re-elected in 1842. In 1844 he served in the Senate.

In 1845 he was elected to the House of Representatives in Congress, where he served with credit to himself and great satisfaction to his constituents. He is now (with Hon. R. M. Saunders and B. F. Moore, Esq.) engaged in digesting and revising the statute-laws of the State.

List of the members from Martin County, from 1777 to 1850–51.

Years.	Senate.	House of Commons.
1777.	William Williams,	Whitmel Hill, Wm. Slade.
1778.	Whitmel Hill,	Nathan Mayo, E. E. Smithwick.
1779.	Whitmel Hill,	Saml. Smithwick, Saml. Williams.
1780.	Whitmel Hill,	Edmd. Smithwick, John Averit.
1781.	K. McKenzie,	Saml. Smithwick, Saml. Williams.
1782.	K. McKenzie,	Saml. Smithwick, Saml. Williams.
1783.	K. McKenzie,	Saml. Smithwick, Saml. Williams.
1784.	Whitmel Hill,	Nathan Mayo, John Ross.
1785.	Whitmel Hill,	Edmd. Smithwick, Saml. Williams.
1786.	Nathan Mayo,	Joseph Bryan, Wm. McKenzie.
1787.	Nathan Mayo,	Joseph Bryan, Edmd. Smithwick.
1788.	Nathan Mayo,	William Williams, Ebenezer Slade.
1789.	Nathan Mayo,	William Williams, John Mayo.
1790.	Nathan Mayo,	Ebenezer Slade, Jesse Cherry.
1791.	Nathan Mayo,	Ebenezer Slade, Jesse Cherry.
1792.	Ebenezer Slade,	Jesse Cherry, Ebenezer Smithwick.
1793.	Ebenezer Slade,	Ebenezer Smithwick, Wm. Griffin.
1794.	Ebenezer Slade,	Matthew Yarrell, John Kennedy.

Years.	Senate.	House of Commons.
1795.	Ebenezer Slade,	Joseph Bryan, Jesse Cherry.
1796.	Ebenezer Slade,	G. Sheppard, John Stewart.
1797.	William McKenzie,	Jeremiah Slade, John Hyman.
1798.	William McKenzie,	Jeremiah Slade, John Hyman.
1799.	William McKenzie,	Jeremiah Slade, John Hyman.
1800.	William McKenzie,	Jeremiah Slade, John Hyman.
1801.	John Hyman,	William Biggs, Jesse Cherry.
1802.	John Hyman,	Jeremiah Slade, Edmd. Smithwick.
1803.	Jeremiah Slade,	Thomas Hyman, William Pierce.
1804.	John Hyman,	Stephen Fagan, Joel Cherry.
1805.	John Stewart,	James Burroughs, Joel Cherry.
1806.	Jeremiah Slade,	James Wiggins, James Burroughs.
1807.	James Burroughs,	Joel Cherry, James Sheppard.
1808.	James Burroughs,	Joel Cherry, James Sheppard.
1809.	Jeremiah Slade,	Henry G. Williams, Joel Cherry.
1810.	Jeremiah Slade,	Henry G. Williams, James Sheppard.
1811.	Jeremiah Slade,	Joel Cherry, Andrew Joyner.
1812.	Jeremiah Slade,	Andrew Joyner, Joel Cherry.
1813.	Jeremiah Slade,	Andrew Joyner, Joel Cherry.
1814.	Jeremiah Slade,	Simmons J. Baker, John Guyther.
1815.	Jeremiah Slade,	Simmons J. Baker, Gabriel L. Stewart.
1816.	Simmons J. Baker,	Joel Cherry, Gabriel L. Stewart.
1817.	Simmons J. Baker,	Darling Cherry, Jos. J. Williams.
1818.	Simmons J. Baker,	Wm. Roulhas, Darling Cherry.
1819.	William Darlett,	J. R. Ballard, Darling Cherry.
1820.	Lewellen Bowers,	Jos. R. Ballard, Darling Cherry.
1821.	Samuel Hyman,	Alfred M. Slade, Jos. R. Ballard.
1822.	Samuel Hyman,	Jesse Cooper, Lawrence Cherry.
1823.	Lewellen Bowers,	L. Cherry, Gab. L. Stewart.
1824.	John A. Smithwick,	L. Cherry, Gabriel L. Stewart.
1825.	John A. Smithwick,	David Latham, Jesse Cooper.
1826.	Jos. J. Williams,	David Latham, Jesse Cooper.
1827.	Jos. J. Williams,	Gab. L. Stewart, Jesse Cooper.
1828.	Jos. J. Williams,	Jesse Cooper, David Latham.
1829.	Jos. J. Williams,	Jesse Cooper, Wm. Watts
1830.	Jos. J. Williams.	Jesse Cooper, Wm. Watts.
1831.	Jesse Cooper,	Joseph Robinson, John Cloman.
1832.	David Latham,	Jas. L. G. Baker, Edwin S. Smithwick.
1833.	David Latham,	John Cloman, Edwin S. Smithwick.
1834.	Jesse Cooper,	Raleigh Roebuck, Alfred M. Slade.
1835.	Jesse Cooper,	Raleigh Roebuck, Alfred M. Slade.
1836.	Jesse Cooper,	Raleigh Roebuck.
1838.	Jesse Cooper,	Raleigh Roebuck.
1840.	Jesse Cooper,	Asa Biggs.
1842.	Jesse Cooper,	Asa Biggs.
1844.	Asa Biggs,	J. Woodard.
1846.	Daniel Ward,	A. H. Coffield.
1848.	Daniel Ward,	A. H. Coffield.
1850.	W. R. W. Sherrod,	Wm. L. Missell.

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s't Marshall   21St.

Visit & Fam. Nos.	SURNAME, Given Name	Age	M or F	Occupation	Value or Worth	Place of Birth	Msc.
617	JOEL P. WALKER	38	M	FARMER	$5,000	N.C.	(His son shown as Was lawyer & State Senator Miss later) same name anyway.
"	SUSAN A. WALKER	18	F			Ga.	
"	MARY E. WALKER	1/12	F			Ga.	
"	ROB'T A.DAMIE	15	M	Farmer		ALA.	
"	** ED.W. SMITHWICK (EDWD)	25	M	Farmer		N.C.	* A kinsman of J.P.Smithwick
643	JOHN M. BATES	32	M	DOCTOR		ALA.	
"	REBECCA BATES	20	F			MISS.	(Martin County, N.C.)
632	** THOS. SMITHWICK X	21	M	Farmer		N.C.	My grandfather B. N.C. 8/3/1829 Thos.A.J.Smithwick D. Lampasas, Tx April 11, 1920
"	JOHN LAMEN	19	M	Farmer		UNKNOWN	
"	WM. DEARMAN	27	M	CLERKING		ALA.	
#704	PERRY SMITHWICK	46	M	FARMER	$350	N.C.	Born N.C. 1804 My g.grandfather Died.
"	ISABELLA SMITHWICK	46	F			N.C.	My g. grandmother Bn.N.C. 1804 (Died Hinds Co Miss Jan. 1880)
"	EDMOND W.SMITHWICK	26	M	Farmer		N.C.	Posibly died in Scott Co. Miss 1892
"	ALEX SMITHWICK	18	M	"		N.C.	Came Tex. 1851-Died South Tex-18 with Thos.A.J. Cir. Rider Preacher Died Houston, Tex
"	** JOHN SMITHWICK	15	M	"		ALA.	1870 Census Harris Co.Tx
"	CATHERINE SMITHWICK	12	F			ALA.	(M)Thos.C.Waddell D. age 89-1927 Houston, Tx(Catherine)
"	ANN E. SMITHWICK	9	F			MISS	?
"	SIBEL S. SMITHWICK	4	F			MISS	?
#705	SAM'L SMITHWICK	28	M	Farmer		N.C.	Son-in-law of J.P. Smithwick Bn N.C.1822-D-1888 Wood Co Tx 1/18/88
"	MINY(MARY SMITHWICK	26	F			N.C.	Mary I.Smithwick-12/22/1825) BN Bn.N.C. 1825-D/Hunt Co. Tex 6/16/1900
"	SAM'L(J.O.) SMITHWICK	4	M			MISS.	
"	Wm. W. SMITHWICK	2	M			MISS	
"	ANN F. SMITHWICK	8/12	F			MISS	

1850 1850

:   Copied by: Delta Smithwick Shawver

Form (1850, 1860, 1870)   Date: 1979

SONS OF PERRY & ISABELLA SMITHWICK- LEFT. MISS. FOR TEXAS in 1850 ARRIVING HOUSTON, TEX 1851
ALEX SMITHWICK, THOMAS SMITHWICK & JOHN SMITHWICK TO TEXAS:
(BN 1832 N.C.) (Bn.1829 N.C.) (Bn. ALA. 1835)

Dallas News 2-2-75

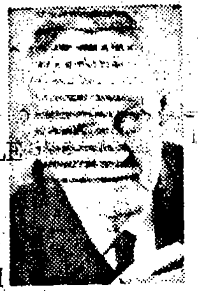
The Dallas Morning News, Dallas, Texas
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NOTE:

THE SMITHWICKS OF LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISS ARE RELATED TO THIS TEXAS HISTORIAN THROUGH N. C. LINEAGES.

I WILL SEND YOU HIS BOOK TO REST ON THE SHELVES OF YOUR NEWLY PLANNED HIST. & ARCH. DEPT, PLUS OTHERS I OWN.

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Tolbert's Texas

In Noah Smithwick's Beautiful Country

By FRANK X. TOLBERT

SMITHWICK, Burnet County, on Ranch Road 1431 between Marble Falls and Jonestown, is in one of the more handsome regions of the Hill Country. Around the village are mesas heavily timbered except that some have bald, buckskin-colored crests. And there Hickory Creek and other little streams with spring fountains hurry over white rocks to the Lake Travis version of Texas' most noble river, the Colorado.

Until last Thursday, I hadn't visited Smithwick in 15 years or more. I was surprised, pleasantly, to find that the "developers" haven't done any surface harm to this land, once the home of an old Texian I revere, Noah Smithwick, 1808-1899.

There is an old church. And a store which seems to deal heavily in beer, and purchases deer hides and the fur of varmints such as ring-tailed cats. And there are a few houses and some of the sloping fields are fenced with cedar staves.

SMITHWICK WAS a close friend of Sam Houston and in his last years, Smithwick wrote one of the most valuable books on the Texas he knew from 1827 until he went into California exile in 1861 because, like Sam Houston, he believed Texas was foolish to join the Confederacy.



Smithwick was a blacksmith with a sideline in tobacco smuggling during his first years in Texas. He was a gunsmith and soldier in the 1836 Texas Revolution, and for a time an "armorer" at Fort Croghan (present day Burnet). He was a judge, a postmaster, a farmer and a Texas Ranger. And, as he chronicled several times ...

the massive masonry, it will stand until the stone crumbles . . . The old mill, which I believe still bears my name, is all the monument I desire."

ACROSS THE river from the Smithwick settlement was a settlement Noah called "the Doublehorn Creek people."

He said they were in "comfortable circumstances and had an excellent school, presided over by Prof. W. H. Holland, a graduate of Yale College."

Smithwick said "in order to give my children the benefit of Prof. Holland's superior instruction I mounted them on ponies and sent them on the 8-mile round trip each school day." When the river was too high to ford, the kids crossed on canoes, swimming their horses. "Such were the difficulties encountered in trying to educate our children in the sparsely frontier districts."

There is an amusing account in Smithwick's book of a meeting in his frontier home with an old friend, Gail Borden, founder of the Borden Co.: "Here, too, came Gail Borden of condensed milk fame, whom I had known in the old San Felipe de Austin days away back in the 1820s when he was only a blacksmith. He had been to Europe in the interest of condensed milk. He had taken up the homeopathic remedies and prefixed a 'Dr.' to his name. He said: 'It is no use to be a doctor unless you put on the airs of one.' "

SMITHWICK WAS one of those who tried to get Gov. Sam Houston to return the state to its old Republic of Texas status and not get mixed up in the States War. Noah said he wanted Houston to "unfurl the Lone Star flag from the capitol and, I will bring a hundred men to help maintain it there."

Houston resigned as Governor rather than take an oath of allegiance to the Confederate states.

Smithwick sold his farm. And with his family and several other families from the Hickory Creek and other frontier communties, 35 in all, made the long journey to Califo...

Sharpley

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11/17/1845 John P Smithwick, John Truell
Hiram N Roberts + Samuel Clay bound themselves
to Albert G Brown Governor - 2,000.00 bond
on Smithwick taking office a Constable of Beat 2.

Page 370 John swore he would support Constitution + signed his name
elected again in - swore on 11/2/1847 - Bond 1,000.00

Also 1849.

Smithwick J P + Isabella A his wife
425 2/6/1862
W½ of SE quarter Sec 16 8-18E

Sold A Sam $ 200.00

Smithwick, J P BK E Page 53 to A G Brown
" " BK E 370 A G Brown
" " 7 267 J W Mathews 1849 Court.

Smithwick J P + J or a BK 7 681 S S Smithwick
" S S + M J (annie S, mary J) 7 683 S Evans Sold 1/15/1852

Smithwick S + M J 9 183 J D Ulrich sold land 10/7/1853

Smithwick J P + J a H 398 E W Smithwick
" " J E K (mortgage) 155 E W Smithwick

Will Deed 99 yrs from 11/3/1849 Dated 9/11/1856

Smithwick E W BK Y 418 W R Nunnery
Filed for record 11/25/1878 - Rec 12/18/1878, (200.00)

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Smithwick

1850 Lauderdale Co MS Census

					Real Estate	
691-704	Perry Smithwick	46	M	Farmer	350	b NC
	Isabella	46	F			" "
	Edward W	26	M	"		" "
	Alex	18	M	"		" "
m AL 1835	John	15	M	"		" AL
on old Voter	Catherine	12	F			" "
List 1835	~~Ann~~					~~" MS~~
So J P	Ann E	9	F			b MS
must have	Sobet S	7	M			" MS
Come across	~~Ann F~~	~~4/12~~	~~F~~			~~" "~~

Arrived in Ala about 1835 - Port. Sumter Co AL.
Arrived MS About 1845

692-705	Samuel Smithwick	28	Farmer		b NC
	Mary	26			" "
	Samuel J A.	4			" MS
	William W	2			" "
	Ann F	8/12			" "

604-617 Edward W Smithwick 25 Farmer b AL in the Household of Joel P. Walker

There were two Edward W Smithwick in the County. One yr difference in Age.

Delta Really Appreciate your letter & looking fwd to books

There are Yarrell's in the books here - Will get info for you soon as I can. I look in Clarke Co AL for J P - no info found. Really think he came across Country

More Later

Jan

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